

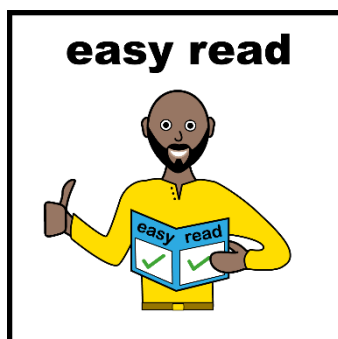


Inclusive Futures

Promoting disability inclusion



Work being done to help people with disabilities in developing countries



Easy read booklet

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Who we are



We are Social Development Direct.



We work on making sure that **International Development** includes and helps all people, such as women and people with disabilities.



International Development supports people around the world who do not have enough access to the things they need.



We work with other groups to run the **Disability Inclusion Helpdesk**.



We help the British government think about and improve its plans to help people with disabilities in our world.



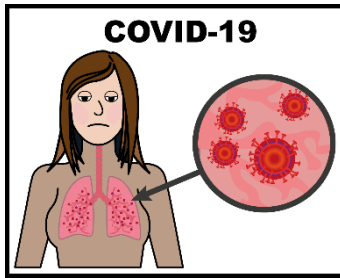
This booklet tells you what work is happening about disability around the world.



You need to look at the full report if you want to look at the links or see more details about work released.

New evidence on disability inclusion from researchers

COVID 19/Coronavirus



Covid-19 is a virus that makes people ill. Someone can easily become sick from COVID-19 if they have been close to a person who is sick from the virus, or if they have touched things that have been touched by someone who is sick from the virus.



The Disability Helpdesk has published a booklet about evidence on Covid-19.

Issues are covered, such as:



- It can be hard for some people with disabilities to not have contact with their carers;



- Some of the news is making it seem like people with disability are not as important as people without disabilities;



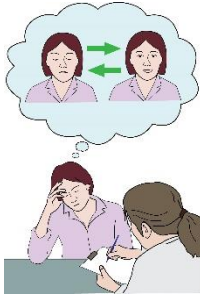
- People living in special care homes will have high risk because they live close to lots of people;



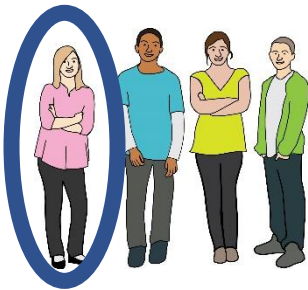
- Information is not always accessible.

Please write to the Helpdesk if you want to use it for work on COVID-19.

Mental health and development



A group of people called 'Knowledge for Development' published a guide giving advice for how to work on Mental Health for people working on International Development.



One person out of every four people will have a mental health condition at some time in their life.



It is important people are supported in poorer countries if they have a mental health condition.

Employment



The International Labour Organisation published two reports on how to use **quotas** to help get people with disabilities into work.



Quotas are rules to include a minimum number of people who have a unique identity, for example disabled people. .

20%

For example, a quota could be a rule that twenty percent of employees should be persons with disabilities.

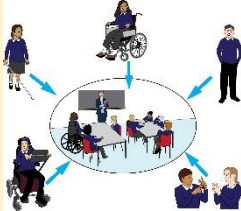


The reports review how quotas have worked in 103 countries.

Education, children and disability



Two organisations called UNESCO and Sightsavers published a report on educating children with vision impairments.



More children with vision impairments are in education, but not as many as there should be.



The report gives advice to make school better for children with vision impairments.



Sightsavers and Universities in Malawi and Birmingham published a study about children with disabilities in school.

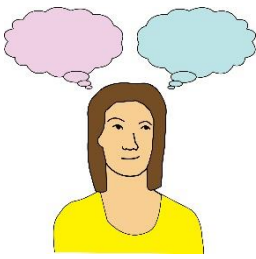


Children with disabilities in pre-school are not learning as quickly as children without disabilities.

Sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)



An organisation called Women Enabled International published a report about what people with disabilities think about abortion.



It said pregnant people with disabilities should be allowed to make choices.

Transport

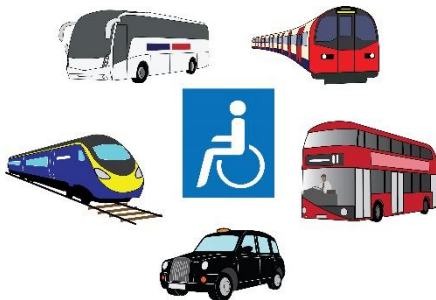


A journal article was published about disability inclusion and transport.



It found there is not much work done on what transport works well for people with disabilities.

It recommends that:



- disability should be considered in all transport work and,
- Special services should be on offer for people who need them.

Refugees



An organisation called International Rescue Committee published findings on experience of people with disabilities in a **refugee camp** in Tanzania.



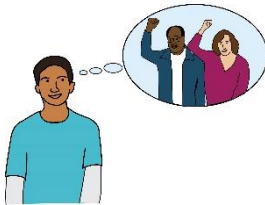
A **refugee camp** is a place where people who have been forced to leave their homes live.



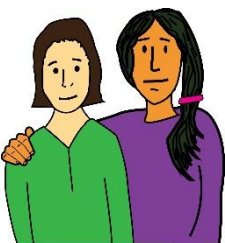
The report shows that many people with disabilities don't know about their **human rights**.



A **human right** is something that every human deserves, for example, every human deserves access to water and to live without violence.



The Government and all public services must respect and provide for your human rights.

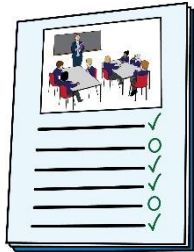


It suggests ways that there can be improvements to help people with disabilities in **refugee camps**.

News from around the world on disability inclusion



The Government in Pakistan made a law to protect the human rights of people with disabilities.



The European Union is preparing a new strategy for disability. They have been discussing what it should include.



Global Action on Disability Network organisations had a meeting to discuss disability inclusion in **international development**.



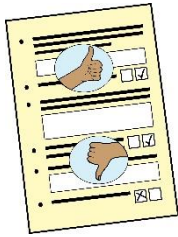
A report was submitted to the United Nations about being unfair to people when they have a disability.



At the Zero Project Conference people discussed exciting new ways of helping people with disabilities access education.



Representatives of disabled people's organisations took part in the World Urban Forum.



The World Bank issued a guide on measuring disabled people in Household Surveys.

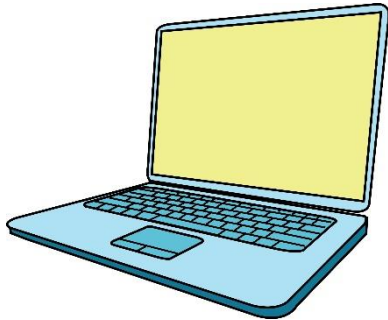


The World Health Organisation (WHO) published help on mental health in line with disabled people's rights.



The next big United Nations meeting on rights of people with disabilities is planned for 10th and 12th June 2020

What we have done at the Disability Inclusion Helpdesk



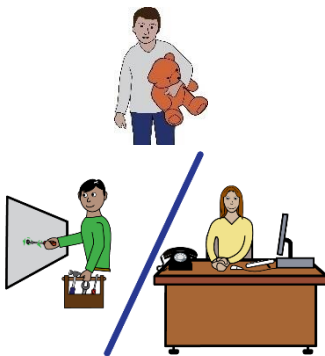
All the reports the Helpdesk has made are on our website.

<https://www.sddirect.org.uk/our-work/disability-inclusion-helpdesk/>

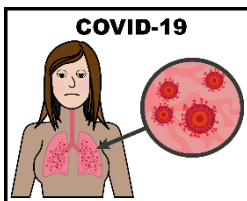
We've recently done work on:



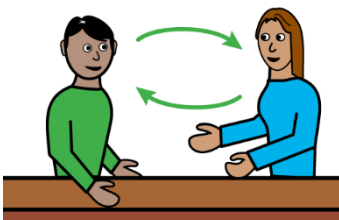
- Climate change and disability



- Disability and Child Marriage
- Things that are stopping people with disabilities from getting jobs

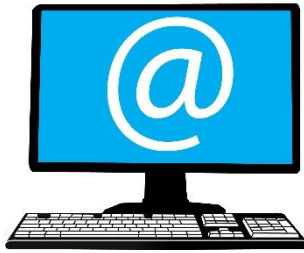


- Impact of COVID-19 on people with disabilities



- Trade and Disability

Contact us



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Latest evidence January – March 2020

This digest was written in March 2020 but publishing was delayed, therefore more recent evidence is not featured here.

COVID-19/Coronavirus

The Disability Inclusion Helpdesk has also published an evidence digest on the situation of people with disabilities in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. **Some people with disabilities are more likely to develop serious illness from COVID-19** and some people with disabilities are encountering particular barriers and challenges in the pandemic response. For example, disabled peoples' organisations and advocates have highlighted that it may not be possible for some people with disabilities to self-isolate or maintain distance from others providing essential care. They have also highlighted that media and public messaging of COVID-19 has often implicitly devalued people with disabilities, by framing the issue as presenting a serious risk only for people with chronic illnesses and older people. **People with disabilities living in residential institutions have been particularly at risk**, for example in South Korea, 11 residents and 5 staff members with disabilities in a private care centre and 100 patients in a psychiatric ward contracted COVID-19. Furthermore, official communications about COVID-19 have **sometimes not been accessible to deaf and blind persons**, for example in Germany, and food, medical supplies and medications have reportedly become inaccessible for some people with disabilities in the UK and China.

Recommendations for the pandemic response to be disability-inclusive have been shared from the [Global Framework for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#), the [World Health Organisation](#), the [International Disability Alliance \(IDA\)](#), the [IASO Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Reference Group](#), [European Disability Forum](#) and [Disability Rights UK](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact the Disability Inclusion Helpdesk if you have a query about disability inclusion and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mental health and development

K4D Topic Guide (January 2020)
Knowledge for Development (K4D) recently published 'Mental Health for Sustainable Development: A Topic Guide for Development Practitioners'. The guide reviews the current

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